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EMBASSY SEES ONE OR TWO PROBLEMS RE SUGGESTION DEPTEL 387. (1) VISIT WOULD COME AT APPROXIMATE TIME WHEN DISSIDENT ELEMENTS HERE PLANNING SHOWDOWN WITH NKRUMAH. (2) DESPITE ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSE OF VISIT TO MAKE FINAL CHECK RE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CARRYING OUT AGREEMENT, MAKEUP OF TEAM LIKELY CREATE IMPRESSION REVIEW IS OF MORE GENERAL NATURE. [redacted] AVAILABLE INFORMATION RE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS SINCE WORLD BANK TEAM MADE LAST REVIEW HERE. IMPACT NEW LOANS RECEIVED BY HEAD NKRUMAH ON BLOC TOUR--REPORTEDLY 350 SEPARATE PROJECTS AND INCLUDING LARGE INDUSTRIAL PLANTS - RDSI ON GOG CAPACITY TO SERVICE ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE DEBTS DESERVES PARTICULAR CONCERN STUDY. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE STAFF FOR ANALYZING EFFECT OF THESE ON GOG CAPABILITIES MEET PROJECTED FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS BUT ASSUMES SUCH STUDY BEING MADE IN WASHINGTON AND THAT WORLD BANK AND DEPARTMENT SATISFIED ON THIS POINT. OTHERWISE IT WOULD APPEAR DESIRABLE, PRIOR VISIT SUGGESTED DEPTEL 387, TO HAVE REVIEW MADE HERE BY WORLD BANK TEAM SIMILAR TO LAST ONE. (3) IF THERE ARE FURTHER NKRUMAH MOVES ALONG DEBTEE LINES REPORTED EMBTELS 465 AND 481 PROBLEM OF APPRAISING [illegible] DIRECTION OF NKRUMAH'S POLICIES MAY BE PRETTY WELL ANSWERED [illegible]

EMBASSY SUGGESTS THEREFORE: A) WE BE SURE THAT ON PURELY FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS WE FEEL JUSTIFIED IN PROCEEDING WITH VOLTA PROJECT; B) ANNOUNCEMENT BE THAT PLANS BEING MADE FOR HIGH-LEVEL GROUP US REPRESENTATIVES COME TO ACCRA IN OCTOBER TO MAKE FINAL REVIEW OF VOLTA PROJECT, WITHOUT FIXING EXACT

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DATE AT PRESENT TIME.

AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, I MADE PLANS SOME TIME BACK TO TAKE HOME LEAVE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH AND MY SON AND HIS FIANCEE HAVE PLANNED WEDDING OCTOBER 7 ON THAT BASIS. IN VIEW RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HERE I HAVE DELAYED DEPARTURE AND WILL STAY AS LONG AS UNSETTLED SITUATION CONTINUES. IF TEAM SUGGESTED DEPTEL 387 IS TO COME ON SPECIAL PLANE, I MIGHT RETURN WASHINGTON FIRST WEEK OCTOBER, COME TO ACCRA WITH TEAM AND RETURN WASHINGTON, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE EVEN THIS WOULD BE AFFECTED BY DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT DISSIDENT ELEMENTS HERE.

ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED ICA OF PRESENT THINKING, AND PLANS CONTAINED IN ICATO 108 HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. REQUEST EMBASSY BE INFORMED IF RESERVATIONS ARE DESIRED DESPITE POSTPONMENT OF SIGNING. EMBASSY PRESUMES KAISER ENGINEERS AND VALCO CONSORTIUM WILL ALSO BE ADVISED OF POSTPONMENT AS THEY REPORTEDLY SENDING LARGE DELEGATION.

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